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1. At the meeting on 26 November 1946 of the Economic Council of Ministers (Kraus, Krauland, Zimmerman, Gruber, Heini, Rauscher, Uebeleis, Maisel, Altmann, Figl), a resolution was passed by vote instead of by unanimous agreement after inter-party negotiations. This is the first such instance in the Figl Government.
2. Minister Krauland had worked out a directive concerning the Export Compensation Fund (Export Ausgleichskasse) after receiving recommendations from both the Chamber of Labor and the Chamber of Commerce on how large a profit margin to allow exporters over the domestic price of merchandise. Instead of compromising between the two figures, the Krauland directive went even farther than the Chamber of Commerce proposal. State Secretary Rauscher, who intercepted the directive, objected to its terms, and it was then brought up in the Ministerial Council, where Chancellor Figl insisted that it be brought to vote. Chancellor Figl, the APP ministers (Gruber, Kraus, Heini, Krauland), and Zimmerman outvoted the others and passed the directive.
3. The Socialists feel that in any coalition where both parties are about equally strong, decisions should be reached only through discussion and agreement. They protested Chancellor Figl's high handed tactics in the matter, and on 27 November 1946 he yielded to their protest and announced that the Krauland directive would be submitted for the usual inter-party examination and discussion before it was passed.

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